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TANTALUM DEPOSITION AND ARC SPRAYED ALUMINUM FROM CERAMIC

SUBSTRATES

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated November 4, 2005 setting forth a statutory period for response ending February 4, 2006. Reconsideration of Applicants' claims is requested. Applicants have submitted a request for a two month extension of time. Any additional fees required in connection with this amendment may be taken from Deposit Account Number 02-2865. Please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 13.

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